

LOVE SECRETS OF HALL CRUSH WIDOW; PLANNED FLIGHT WITH MRS. MILLS

Slain Woman's Sister, on Stand, Causes Sensation

Special to The GRAPHIC

SOMERVILLE, N. J., Nov. 15.—A surprise witness was sprung by Senator Simpson at the Hall trial this afternoon. He is Ira Nixon, a motor oil salesman, who testified that Elijah King Soper told him he recognized Mrs. Hall and her two brothers in an auto at the scene of the murder the night of the crime. Soper, just previously on the stand, had denied making any such statement.

SOMERVILLE, N. J., Nov. 15.—A compelling love and its resultant indiscretions, the jealousies it aroused, and a projected flight to the Orient.

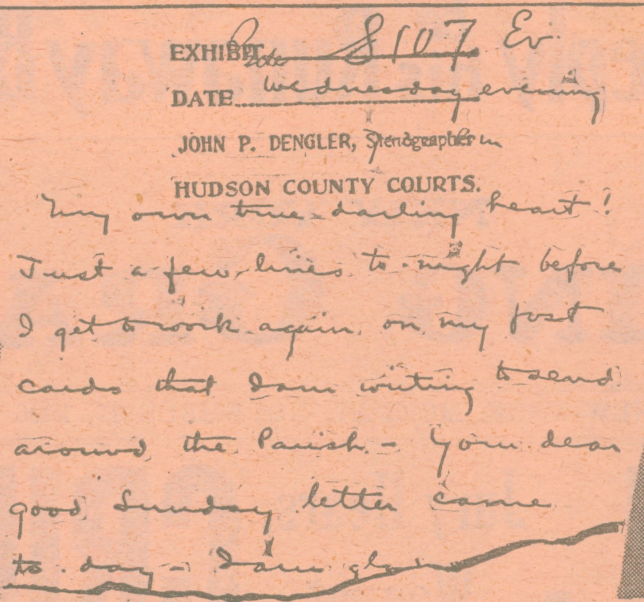
For the first time since she has been on trial with her brothers Mrs. Frances Stevens Hall bowed her head in embarrassment today as witnesses told of the fickleness of her husband, the Rev. Edward W. Hall, and his affection for Mrs. Eleanor R. Mills, the chorister.

On Saturday she had listened with no show of emotion to the burning words of love her husband's pen had breathed to the younger woman, but today the story of their clandestine and illicit romance as related by a sister of her rival was more than she could bear.

The widow's face flamed as the words of Mrs. Elsie Barnhardt came down from the witness stand to sear the already torn soul. Each

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Shattering the Loyal Faith of Mrs. Hall



AS PROSECUTOR SIMPSON (at right) read the passionate love notes (one of them shown in center) of the slain rector to his choir singer, the widow (at left) bowed her head to conceal the bitter agony of soul that undoubtedly was hers.

Bandits Clean Up \$10,000 In 10 Raids Over Week-End

In a fresh outbreak of crime over the week end, bandits cleaned up more than \$10,000 in a series of ten hold-ups in various parts of the city. But the police made an important capture, which, they say, accounts for the last member of the gang that seized \$75,000 in uncut gems in a Maiden Lane raid last summer.

They arrested Louis Pontz, alias Kaplan, 33, of 124 Marcy Place, The Bronx, named by them as a member of the notorious gang.

According to detectives, Pontz has been linked with the Maiden Lane job by three members of the band in which Robert Berg, who killed himself in the Tombs battle, played an important part. Pontz has a police record.

Renewing their activities, gunmen struck in many places. Six masked men entered the rear of Tony Reta's barber shop at 2237 7th Ave. last night, covered ten men who were playing cards and relieved them of \$2,000 in cash and jewelry. The car used in the getaway had the license numbers covered, pedestrians said.

Thirty dollars was taken from Jacob Hosbosch, druggist, at 41-36 162d St., Richmond Hill, by two armed men.

At Queens Avenue and 21st Street, Queens, two bandits entered a candy store and escaped with \$112.

Joseph Lieblich of 190 Ross St., Brooklyn, was relieved of \$1,400 in cash and a \$3,500 diamond ring in front of 216 Franklin St., last night. Lieblich, a wealthy produce

merchant, was confronted by two armed men while on his way to the market.

Four bandits entered the grocery store of Morris Faber at 605 Gravesend Ave., Brooklyn, and escaped with \$140.

A chicken market at 416 91st St., Brooklyn, was entered by six armed men, who took \$700 from Jacob Lauber, the proprietor.

2 Thugs Frightened Off

Bandits got \$107 from a grocery store run by Stephen Hamya of 2127 Hoyt Ave., New Dorp, Staten Island.

An A. and P. grocery store at 4024 Avenue U contributed \$240 to banditry late Saturday. Fifty dollars came from patrons of the restaurant at 75 West End Ave.

But the two bandits who entered the drug store of Michael Guinan of 1250 Jerome Ave., the Bronx, got nothing. They were frightened away.

Solomon Settles Dispute Over Custody of Tots

Religious differences played a big part in disputes between Charles Francis of Babylon, L. I., and his wife, Cecile, of 1040 56th St., Brooklyn, according to testimony given today before Justice MacCrate in Supreme Court, Brooklyn. Mrs. Francis is a Catholic and her husband a Protestant.

Francis appeared with their two children, Charles, Jr., aged 5, and Donald, 3, in response to a writ of habeas corpus secured by Mrs. Francis in her effort to obtain custody of the children. The court ruled she could have them from Monday to Thursday, inclusive, and the father the rest of each week. Francis lives with his sister, Mrs. Anna Saffye, at 27 Sumpwams Place, Babylon.

The couple were married in June, 1920, and separated on October 25 last after a bitter quarrel, Francis taking the children to Babylon.

Center of New Fight



MRS. JANE GIBSON, the "pig woman," now ill in Jersey City Hospital, may enlist the aid of the Hall defense in resisting Prosecutor Simpson's announced intention to take her to court Wednesday on a stretcher.

Bathing Beauty, 18, Seeks Divorce From Rich Hubby

The romance of another bathing beauty has been wrecked on the reefs of marital discord.

This afternoon Gustav B. Garfield, lawyer, of 285 Madison Ave., will ask Supreme Court Justice Delehanty to appoint a guardian for 18-year-old Mildred Wesley Shefts so she can sue Adrian I. Shefts, son of an Oklahoma oil magnate, for separation. The guardian will be her mother.

According to the girl the young couple met at Edgemere one summer. Mildred filled out a bathing suit so well that she was named Miss Arverne in the beauty pageant. And Adrian was brave enough to do more than turn his head for a backward glance. They were married in Oklahoma.

Then, the girl says, something happened. Mildred was just as pretty, but recently when they made a trip East, she stayed in New York and hubby went home alone.

Simpson Aims to Take Her to Court Upon a Stretcher

What probably will be the most dramatic moment thus far in the Hall-Mills murder trial—the entrance of Mrs. Jane Gibson, the "pig woman," upon the stage at Somerville—is scheduled tentatively for Wednesday. It is intimated that she will testify, not from the witness stand, but from a stretcher.

Assistant Attorney General Simpson, after a talk with Mrs. Gibson in the Jersey City Hospital, said she probably will be placed upon the stand to tell her story, accusing the three defendants on that day.

Condition Improved

An official bulletin, issued today at the hospital, set forth that Mrs. Gibson's condition is somewhat improved, although none of the doctors there would hazard an opinion on the chances of her being able to go to court within the next few days.

She is beginning her second week as a patient in the institution, where she is suffering from a complication of ailments. She was taken there after being kidnapped by the prosecution from the Somerset County Hospital at Somerville.

The general belief is that Senator Simpson has procured a private ambulance for removal of the "pig woman," and that she will make her dramatic appearance into the case at the earliest possible moment.

SECOND BANK FAILS

KANSAS CITY, MO., Nov. 15 (By U. P.).—The Waldo State Bank failed to open today as an aftermath of the closing of the Federal Trust Company here Friday.

Clearing House (Official figures)

Exchanges \$476,000,000
Balances 107,000,000
Credit balance.. 100,000,000

Rejected Suitor Slashed Her Face, Girl Tells Court

"For the rest of your life when you look in your mirror you will think of me."

Pretty Elsie Tamm, 21, a nurse, understands the truth of this today as the reflection of a ragged scar across her face is thrown back at her from the looking glass with memories of an unwanted suitor.

The suitor, Julius Fellenberg, 27, of 456 East 142d St., appeared in the West Side Court today on a felonious assault charge. Miss Tamm told Magistrate Corrigan that when Fellenberg saw that his attentions were unwelcome he followed her to Riverside Park one

afternoon and slashed her face with a razor blade. Fifty stitches were taken in the wound.

"Fellenberg," said the magistrate, "you are like a wild beast of the jungle. It is the most vicious thing I ever heard of."

Bail was raised from \$1,500 to \$5,000 and the defendant was held for the grand jury.

Miss Tamm said she had met Fellenberg at a party in Staten Island. She declared Fellenberg taunted her about the scars as he slashed her. She lives at 302 East 91st St.

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U. S. WEATHER FORECAST

LOCAL—Rain tonight; Tuesday clearing and colder; strong southerly winds, shifting to westerly Tuesday.

EASTERN NEW YORK—Rain tonight and Tuesday; warmer in north and east central portions tonight; colder Tuesday afternoon; much colder Tuesday night; strong southeast and south winds reaching gale force and shifting to westerly Tuesday.

Hour	Temp.	Weather	Barom.	Wind
Midnight..	53	Clear	30.41	SE. 12
2 a. m..	53	Clear	30.39	S. 10
4 a. m..	53	Clear	30.37	S. 13
6 a. m..	54	Cloudy	30.35	SE. 15
8 a. m..	57	Cloudy	30.33	SE. 16
10 a. m..	57	Cloudy	30.30	SE. 20